

## Commissioner's Weekly Wrap Up

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DCS Communications Office

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### **This Week In Central Office**

Monday, August 2 & Tuesday, August 3

Commissioner Miller traveled to Gatlinburg for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference.



At the conference, DCS General Counsel Steven C. Hornsby was awarded the McCain-Abernathy Memorial Award for his outstanding service and dedication to the children of Tennessee. This award was given to him by the Tennessee Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on day one of the conference.

### **The Week Ahead**

Thursday, August 12

Commissioner Miller will visit Inman Group Home in Tullahoma.

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Saturday, August 14

Commissioner Miller will be a guest panelist at the annual Generation TN leadership conference in Nashville.

[www.generationtn.com](http://www.generationtn.com)

### **Child Maltreatment and Juvenile Justice Involvement**

As follow-up to the Commissioner's essay from last week, you may find these Internet links helpful: The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) now has an entire division devoted to the link between child maltreatment/child welfare and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

<http://www.cwla.org/programs/juvenilejustice/jjdnewsletter.htm>

There are also CWLA publications on studies showing that most children in the J.J. system have suffered some sort of child maltreatment before coming into contact with the J.J. system. <http://www.cwla.org/programs/juvenilejustice/jjpubs.htm>

### **Andrea Walks for Tennessee's Children**



Online registration is now available for First Lady Andrea Conte's child advocacy center walk-a-thon! Please visit the link below to register for the statewide walk to raise money for Tennessee's CACs!

[www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1149520](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1149520)

*In other words ...*

*From your pen to your peers*

## **Resource Management**

*By Michael Cooper*

You know I have always disliked that name, "Resource Management".

Resource Management sounds like the stockpiling of spare tires, or canned peaches. It has no feeling to it.

There is no hand that grips your heart and says "this is the place where they find the healing places for sick and troubled children". No, the name "Resource Management" feels more like recycled, but still usable clothing.

I have always liked the term, "Child Placement" much better - Kind of gives you a warm feeling. Makes you think something important is going on in "Child Placement". Everybody wants to be a part of "Child Placement" because it makes you feel like that child is going to be safe as long as "Child Placement" is on the job.



Well it's just a name, and 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet,' right? That has to be the greatest lie ever written. Just ask a few of our children. Ask them how many names does it take to break a heart or crush a spirit.

Write down the names, "Stupid", "Worthless", and "Ugly" on a piece of paper and wear it next to your heart all day. Think about your names all day and at the end of the day, maybe - maybe, you will understand.

That is why you want to work in "Child Placement". That is why you never go home to your family until every one of these children has a safe place to heal.

From now on here we will be "**The Child Placement Unit of Resource Management**", and we'll let someone else worry about the canned peaches.

Michael Cooper, Team Leader  
Northwest Resource Management



"Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it  
by the handle of anxiety, or by the handle of faith."

~Author Unknown

"Through faith man experiences the meaning of the  
world; through action he is to give to it meaning."

~Leo Braeck

People Forget How Fast You Did a Job, But they Remember How Well You Did It

~Howard W. Newton

One cannot develop taste from what is of average quality, but only from the very  
best.

~Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Quality is never an accident, it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

~William A. Foster

To measure the man, measure his heart.

~Malcolm Stevenson Forbes

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